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- 1. U.S. Patent No. 6,119,913, dated September 19, 2000, issued to Adams et al.;
- 2. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-506943, dated June 22, 1999 together with an English abstract from corresponding PCT application no. WO 96/18344; and
- 3. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 2000-37347, published February 8, 2000 together with an English language abstract.

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37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. The relevance of the above-cited

references has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in

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